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# **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Coast & Creek Cleanup Day**

## **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **Keeping Our Local Waterways Clean**

The 2005 Coast and Creek Cleanup is the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the California Coastal Cleanup Day program, making this one of the longest running, and the largest, volunteer events in the state. Over 50,000 people participated in California Coastal Cleanup Day last year. All 50 states and over 100 countries took part in the International Cleanup sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy, making this effort the largest marine-related volunteer event in the world. In the state of California, the Coast and Creek Cleanup is sponsored and organized by the California Coastal Commission.

The Coast and Creek Cleanup Day is a great event to involve families in caring for and protecting their local water bodies. It is also an opportunity for students to earn community services hours by helping to cleanup trash in their local communities.

This year events in Yolo County will take place from 9:00 AM until noon along four waterways within the county. Events will be held along Putah Creek (contact Dawn Lindstrom at [coordinator@putahcreekcouncil.org](mailto:coordinator@putahcreekcouncil.org)), at the Cache Creek Conservancy Nature Preserve (contact Gina Martin at [admincrk@yolo.com](mailto:admincrk@yolo.com)), in West Sacramento at the Port of

Sacramento (contact Mary Kimball at [mary@landbasedlearning.org](mailto:mary@landbasedlearning.org)), and at the Clarksburg Public Fishing Access Site (contact Linda Fiack at [lindadpc@citlink.net](mailto:lindadpc@citlink.net)). For more information on all sites and directions to the sites, please visit <http://www.putahcreekcouncil.org/images/2005CoastandCreekCleanup.htm>.

We recommend that volunteers wear long pants, sunscreen, close-toed shoes, and hats. Water, gloves, and trash and recycling bags will be provided. For any special needs, please contact your local coordinator.

Last year marked the third Yolo County Creek Cleanup Day and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of participation by the Yolo County supervisors. The number of sites and participants continues to grow each year. A committee including representatives from the Cache Creek Conservancy, Putah Creek Council, Yolo County Public Works, Yolo County Parks Department, the Delta Protection Commission, River City Rowing Club, and the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District oversee the planning of the county-wide cleanup event. In addition the Cities of Davis, Winters and West Sacramento have provided support for the Cleanup along with the CALFED Bay-Delta Authority, Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee, and Waste Management.

At last year's Coast and Creek Cleanup over 240 volunteers participated in cleanup events in Yolo County and removed approximately 6 tons of trash and 1,100 pounds of recyclables from local waterways. Volunteers helped to rid our local creeks of broken beer bottles, plastic bags, old newspapers, aluminum cans, and countless other items that have been thoughtlessly strewn along the creek's banks. The most unusual items found were a television with a dead fish inside, foam insulation, and various car parts.

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